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SUBJECT: SWEDISH CANDIDATURE TO BE CHAIRMAN OF SECOND COMMITTEE-

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1. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR FERGUSON, AMBASSADOR BARON VON WECHMAR (FRG) STATED THAT SOME WAY SHOULD BE FOUND TO SELECT AMB SMID (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECOND COMMITTEE OVER AMB RYDBECK (SWEDEN).

2. ACCORDING TO THE BARON, WHILE HE HAS HIGHEST REGARD AND AFFECTION FOR AMB RYDBECK, SWEDISH FONMIN HAS BEEN CONSISTENLY AND DECIDELY UNHELPFUL TO THE WEST.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE OBSERVED THAT PRAGUE HAD BEEN EQUALLY UNHELPFUL BUT THAT SMID IN HIS PEROFRMANCE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF ECOSOC AND SECOND COMMITTEE HAD DONE THINGS FOR WHICH ANY OF HIS PREDECESSOR AMBASSADORS WOULD HAVE BEEN RECALLED AND SHOT ON THE SPOT. VON WECHMAR STATED HE INTENDED TO PURSUE THE MATTER, MAKING CLEAR HE WAS SPEAKING SOLELY ON A PERSONAL BASIS AND WAS NOT NECESSARILY REFLECTING CONFIDENTIAL

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THE THINKING IN BONN.

| 3. AMB FERGUSON DID NOT COMMENT ONE WAY OR THE    |
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| OTHER BEYOND SAYING HE HAD FOUND BOTH AMBASSADORS |
| SMID AND RYDBECK TO BE EXTREMELY COMPETENT,       |
| CONGENIAL AND VERY HELPFUL ON OCCASION. ABRAMS    |

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